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To Stephanie Strengthth:

I-228-006 | This e-mail is in concern to the proposed capx2020 project. We find it quite disturbing to hear that capx2020 is asking the usda to help contribute some 47 million to this project. If this is a project brought on by a group of utilities, why is it the taxpayers responsibility to fund the project. Then we can pay twice. Once through our taxes and then monthly with our increased electric bill. This seems absolutely WRONG.

Why is this project being pushed to move along so quickly? We read daily on how people have been coming up with better ideas on how to conserve and produce power in smarter ways. Lets check this out before we begin destroying our landscape with power lines running all across our country. To run massive power lines from out west to our cities to the east seems like old technology. Coal is a polluting source of power and wind energy seems more of a wishfull idea that still has endless holes in it. Maybe these e-mails are falling on deaf ears and our federal government already has plans to control the utilities of our country. They have already moved into the auto industry, finance industry, airline industry and now are working on the health industry. Hopefully we are somewhat still the democratic country we fought to become years ago. We hope these e-mails and letters are being read and some our thoughts are being heard.

I-228-007 | We need to consult with experts who don't share an interest in this capx project. The need or this project seems to be driven by the utilities themselves. I guess I can understand that a dairy farmer would not tell anyone NOT to drink milk, being that is what produces his income. Electrical utilities have to operate with the same mind set. To get these lines in place would definitely keep these companies operating and generating large amounts of profit for years to come.

I-228-001 | Why are we not exploring the different ideas that are out there, and not directly tied in with the utility companies? We have how many dams along the rivers to look at. What about the ideas of smart energy they are working on in Colorado? How about the biomass idea that many larger industries and some hospitals are looking at? What I am trying to say is lets not just jump onto this capx idea, when we have so many other options to explore yet. We thought the LaFarge dam project was such a great idea in the 1960's. After millions of dollars and countless families being evicted, the land sit idle for the wildlife. What a waste. Obviously with a little more time and effort spent on that project, we wouldn't of wasted millions of dollars and located many many families for nothing.

I-228-002 | We live in the rural LaCrescent area in which the lines are prosed to possibly pass through. So if we REALLY do need these lines, then **location is another issue.** Recent and future data do not even support the need for this project in the LaCrosse area.

I-228-003 | The proposed line through the LaCrescent area appears quite ridiculas. The lines run along the back of the city across the ridge which will be viewed by everyone below in the city, not to mention the

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Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

